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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: U.S.-JAPAN ECONOMIC TALKS

REFS: A) LONDON 20535; B) BRUSSELS 18735 (NOTAL); C) TOKYO 19343

1. SUMMARY: EMBASSY WELCOMES EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN IN EUROPE ABOUT DANGERS OF "GANGING UP" IN JAPAN IN CURRENT TRADE DISPUTE. HOPE U.S. AND EC STILL SHARE INFORMATION AND KEEP THEIR REPRESENTATIONS MULTILATERAL IN CONTEXT. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBASSY TOKYO BELIEVES IT IS IMPORTANT TO PAY HEED TO CAUTIONS EXPRESSED IN LONDON AND BRUSSELS ABOUT DANGERS OF U.S. AND EC APPEARING TO "GANG UP" ON JAPANESE IN
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CURRENT TRADE DISPUTE.

3. WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO STRESS HERE, PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY, WITH JAPANESE AND OTHERS, THAT U.S. APPROACH IS MULTILATERAL IN SCOPE. WHILE WE NOTE POLITICAL PROBLEM OF PROTECTIONISM ARISING IN U.S. CONGRESS, WE ALWAYS GO ON TO POINT OUT SOLUTIONS

WE HAVE SUGGESTED WOULD OFTEN BENEFIT REST OF WORLD
MORE THAN U.S.

4. JAPANESE ARE, OF COURSE, CHRONICALLY SENSITIVE
TO FOREIGN CRITICISM. THERE IS PERSISTENT FEELING
HERE THAT JAPAN OFTEN GETS BLAMED FOR MISDEEDS OF
OTHERS. INFLAMMATORY, RACIST CARTOONS AND POSTERS
ABOUT JAPANESE STEEL IMPORTS ARE PARTICULARLY
RANKLING WHEN EUROPE IS PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF RECENT
STEEL DUMPING.

5. IN OUR VIEW, WE ARE LIKELY TO GET MORE FOR
OURSELVES AND INDEED FOR OECD AND REST OF WORLD
IF WE DO NOT SEEM TO "GANG UP" IN PUSHING JAPAN INTO
AN ISOLATED CORNER REMINISCENT OF EARLIER ERAS.

6. THAT BEING SAID, WE ARE NOT SURE WHAT POSSI-
BILITIES THERE ARE FOR U.S. AND EC ACTING "IN
PARALLEL." IN OUR VIEW, IT WAS WISE TO SHARE WITH
EC OUR HANDLING OF USHIBA VISIT. BUT WE DO NOT
RECALL THAT EC HAS BEEN AS FORTHCOMING ABOUT THEIR
DISCUSSION WITH JAPANESE. CERTAINLY HERE IN TOKYO
OUR COLLEAGUES MAKE NO BONES ABOUT BILATERAL NATURE
OF THEIR REPRESENTATIONS.

7. WE ALSO BELIEVE GOJ WAS WELL ADVISED TO SEND
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USHIBA TO BRUSSELS AND INDEED WOULD HAVE BEEN WISER
TO HAVE THOUGHT OF IT IN ADVANCE OF PRESSURE FROM
EC.

8. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR UEEC BRUSSELS TO
REPEAT ITS 18735 TO LONDON AND OTHER EC CAPITALS.
PLIMSOLL'S VIEWS ARE DESERVEDLY HIGHLY REGARDED,
ESPECIALLY SINCE AUSTRALIAN POLICY TOWARD JAPANESE
IS USUALLY QUITE BLATANT AND TOUGH.

9. IN SUMMARY IT LOOKS TO US AS IF OUR "PARRALLELISM"
WITH EC IS AT ABOUT THE RIGHT LEVEL. SINCE U.S. IS
JAPAN'S LARGEST TRADE AND SECURITY PARTNER, BOTH
JAPAN AND EC SHOULD EXPECT TO SEE US IN THE LEAD.
OUR REQUESTS HAVE BEEN GLOBAL IN APPLICATION, BOTH
IN FACT AND IN PRESENTATION, SO WE NEED NOT APOLO-
GIZE TO ANYONE FOR WHAT WE HAVE DONE.
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